

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Any claims that have been canceled are to be considered canceled without prejudice as to their resubmission:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Previously presented) A plastics closure for a container, the closure comprising a top plate, a side skirt depending from a periphery of the top plate, a sealing strip depending from the top plate and adapted to sealingly engage the side of a container neck finish, and an abutment member including a projecting guide member for guiding the sealing strip towards the neck finish as the closure is applied, so that a strength of the seal is increased, wherein the guide member contacts the sealing strip over a relatively small area so that a friction between the sealing strip and the abutment member is minimized and wherein the sealing strip is inclined radially towards the neck finish for improving the sealing effect.
2. (Previously presented) A closure according to claim 1, wherein the sealing strip tapers slightly away from the top plate.
3. (Previously presented) A closure according to claim 1, wherein the surface of a free end of the sealing strip tapers sharply.
4. (Previously presented) A closure according to claim 1, wherein the sealing strip is adapted to seal on an outer surface of the neck finish.
5. (Previously presented) A closure according to claim 4, wherein the closure further comprises a plug seal adapted to seal on an inner surface of the neck finish.

6. (Previously presented) A closure according to claim 5, wherein the plug seal is adapted to exert an outward force on the neck finish for causing the neck finish to move outwards, thereby increasing the strength of the seal from the sealing strip.
7. (Canceled)
8. (Previously presented) A container with a neck finish in combination with a closure according to claim 1.
9. (Previously presented) A container with a neck finish in combination with a closure according to claim 2.
10. (Previously presented) A container with a neck finish in combination with a closure according to claim 3.
11. (Previously presented) A container with a neck finish in combination with a closure according to claim 4.
12. (Previously presented) A container with a neck finish in combination with a closure according to claim 5.
13. (Previously presented) A container with a neck finish in combination with a closure according to claim 6.
14. (Canceled)
15. (New) A plastics closure for a container, the closure comprising:
  - a top plate,
  - a side skirt depending from a periphery of the top plate,
  - a sealing strip depending from the top plate and adapted to sealingly engage the side of a container neck finish, and an abutment member including a guide member projecting towards the sealing strip for guiding the sealing strip towards the neck finish as the closure is applied, so that

a strength of the seal is increased, wherein the guide member contacts the sealing strip over a relatively small area so that a friction between the sealing strip and the abutment member is minimized and wherein the sealing strip is inclined radially towards the neck finish for improving the sealing effect.